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Driver Identified from SR-14 Head-On Fatal Collision

The driver of the Chevrolet Cavalier was identified as Heather L. Billings, a 23 year old (City of Residents Unknown). Billings was Life-Flighted to Legacy Emanuel with multiple fractures and massive internal injuries. As of this morning Legacy Emanuel staff advised Billings condition is stable.

On May 28, 2006 at approximately 9:50 AM, WSP troopers responded to a head-on collision on SR-14 in the area of Evergreen Highway (Milepost 18).

Trooper Jennifer Ortiz arrived finding the westbound lane on SR-14 just west of Evergreen Highway was blocked with two of the three vehicles involved. The third vehicle was down a grassy area just west of the other vehicles.

The investigation revealed that a red Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Heather L. Billings was traveling eastbound on SR-14. The Chevrolet crossed the center line side swiping a black Chevrolet pickup driven by Jack W. Karvia, a 46 year old resident of Puyallup, which was traveling westbound. The Chevrolet pickup left the road to the right coming to rest down a grassy area to the right of the roadway. The Chevrolet Cavalier then collided head-on with a blue and silver Chevrolet Blazer driven by Dale H. Eicher, a 61 year old resident of Skamania, which was traveling westbound behind the Chevrolet pickup.

The female driver of the Chevrolet Cavalier was Life-Flighted to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon. She sustained multiple fractures to her legs and massive internal injuries.

Dale Eicher was transported by AMR to Southwest Washington Medical Center. He sustained multiple fractures to her legs and massive internal injuries. At approximately 11:55 AM, Southwest Washington Medial Center advised Dale Eicher had died from the injuries he sustained in the collision. The Next of Kin was notified by the Clark County Medical Examiner's Office.

Jack Kavia was not injured in the collision. Janine G. Gage, a 35 year old resident of Puyallup, was a passenger in Kavia's pickup sustained a minor sore back. Their were also two Juvenile passenger's in Kavia's pickup, a 12 year old male, who sustained a sore chest injury and a 8 year old female, who was not injured. Kavia and his passenger's were transported by a private party to Southwest Washington Medical Center to be examined.

At this time the case is under investigation why the Chevrolet Cavalier crossed the center line.

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